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SUBJ: RED : ESCAP: REQUEST FOR SERVICES OF PROFESSOR G. WETHERILL

1. 1. DR. C.Y. LI (PROJECT DIRECTOR CCOP/EA) REQUESTS SERVICES OF PROFESSOR G. WETHERILL, INSTITUTE OF GEOPHYSICS, UCLA, TO PARTICIPATE APRIL/MAY 1975 SEMINAR ON RADIOMETRIC AGE DATING. EXPRESS FROM SWITZERLAND, AUSTRALIA, NETHERLANDS, UK AND FRG HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED. PRESIDENT OF FRG GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WHICH IS HELPING ORGANIZE SEMINAR, SUGGESTED WETHERILL'S ATTENDANCE.

2. LI REQUESTS U.S. GOVERNMENT ASK PROFESSOR WETHERILL TO ATTEND AND FINANCE HIS ATTENDANCE.

3. COPIES OF LI'S LETTER TO EMBASSY HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT TO PROFESSOR WETHERILL AND JOHN REINEMUND IN USGS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: RED RECOMMENDS THAT USGS GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO THIS REQUEST AND FINANCE WETHERILL'S ATTENDANCE. SYSTEMATIC APPLICATION OF THE LATEST METHODS OF RADIOMETRIC AGE DETERMINATIONS WOULD BE INVALUABLE IN SPEEDING UP OFFSHORE MINERAL PROSPECTING AND EXPLOITATION IN EAST ASIA. WE SHOULD GIVE CCOP'S SEARCH FOR NEW SOURCES OF SCARCE MINERALS AND PETROLEUM HIGH PRIORITY.

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